

## Minutes of 10 February 2022 Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee meeting

1. The Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) convened its monthly meeting “virtually” on 10 February. The target date for resuming in-person meetings is April 14th, subject to membership consensus and prevailing health conditions.
2. The chair provided a recap of the January EV Charging Station briefing to the Board of Directors as well as a follow-up meeting with the General Manager on 09 February. With an unprecedented survey response rate, the Board appears largely supportive of adding this amenity to our community. Working with a knowledgeable electrician, the GM will be exploring location options that minimize installation costs and parking impact, while providing convenient access to residents who own or are interested in acquiring an electric vehicle. As explained, a major cost driver is proximity to a power source. As Parkfairfax installed electric hot water heaters during condo conversion in the 1970s (later converted to gas), boiler rooms in certain buildings would provide an ideal power connection. In addition to exploring location options, the GM will pursue industry proposals with multiple vendors.
3. The proposed Capital Bikeshare station for Parkfairfax is awaiting contract signature by the City and Parkfairfax which should occur this week. This station will be funded by VDOT and located off-street in the common element driveway to the north of the 400 series buildings.
4. The property-wide lighting survey will be reinitiated this spring. As safety is a major goal of the lighting survey, a member suggested that we also look at exterior steps which lack handrails. While residents may submit individual requests, the Committee believes a comprehensive and consistent approach for common element areas is warranted. Not only are steps a challenge in the dark, but when ice-covered they can be particularly treacherous. The survey will therefore include an assessment of handrail requirements throughout the community.
5. There was considerable frustration expressed regarding the three bridges over Four Mile Run, namely Shirlington Road, W. Glebe Road and Mount Vernon Ave., with the W. Glebe Road weight restrictions, imposed over three years ago, having the greatest impact on Parkfairfax. Lengthy backups result in westbound traffic turning left at Valley Dr. in order to “cut through” Parkfairfax to reach I-395. Despite recent congressional interest, the W. Glebe Rd. bridge reconstruction remains in the design phase and future weight restrictions on the Mt. Vernon Ave. bridge have appear all but inevitable.
6. A perennial favorite, noise and vibration from low-flying helicopters was discussed yet again. While Cong. Don Beyer (D-VA) has been pressing the Department of Defense on this issue for years, it is not evident that progress is being made.

Additional topics were informally discussed, which only those who were in attendance are privy to :-)

The next TLUC meeting will be Thursday, March 10th 2022 at 7PM via Zoom (hopefully for the last time). Additional information will be forthcoming.

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TLUC Committee Chair